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## Thailand

### Livestock and Products

### Temporary Import Ban on US Beef; OIE Exempt Products Okay

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**Report Highlights:**

The Royal Thai Government (RTG) has officially notified the scope of the temporary ban on live animals and livestock products originating from the United States.

RTG observes OIE International Animal Health Code on BSE. Additionally, however, RTG requires U.S. veterinary certification that product comes from animals from anthrax-free areas.

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On January 6, 2004, FAS/Bangkok requested that the Royal Thai Government (RTG) not include low-risk bovine products in its ban on U.S. animals and livestock products. The RTG, through its Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Department of Livestock Development, notified the US Embassy in Bangkok on January 21, 2004, of the following details regarding the prohibition against importation of U.S. animals and livestock products:

- the RTG is fully compliant with the OIE International Health Code on BSE;
- hides, skins, and other products in the OIE code are permitted to enter Thailand with no restriction;
- additional U.S. veterinary requirements are necessary, however, including that products originate from animals that:
  - o come from BSE and anthrax free areas;
  - o show no signs of BSE or anthrax in ante mortem or post mortem inspection;
  - o come from establishments that are not under quarantine for BSE or anthrax.